

## ATTACHMENT C

### Amendments to the Claims

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.*

1. (Currently Amended) An artificial nipple having a nipple body including a root portion, a teat portion with a feeding hole, and a narrow neck portion for making a connection between the root portion and the teat portion, comprising:

fiber nets ~~(20)~~ in the form of bands which are embedded within the thickness of the nipple body ~~(40)~~ such that they extend in a lengthwise direction ~~(L)~~ of the nipple body and are spaced apart from one another at a predetermined interval in a circumferential direction ~~(A)~~ of the nipple ~~body~~, body; and

an air inflow groove ~~(15)~~ formed in a portion of a surface of the nipple body ~~(40)~~ which does not overlap with the fiber nets such that the air flow groove is connected to the feeding hole ~~(12)~~.<sub>1</sub>

wherein an apex or summit of a valley of the air inflow groove is offset toward one side from the centerline of the nipple body.

2. (Currently Amended) The nipple as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a reinforcement thickening ~~(17)~~ is formed around the feeding hole ~~(12)~~ in an inner surface of the nipple body ~~(40)~~.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The nipple as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a reinforcement thickening ~~(16)~~ is formed at a portion of an inner surface of the nipple body ~~(10)~~ that is at the back of the air inflow groove ~~(15)~~.